

Reaching our goals in the CERCLA process

Environmental Cleanup Progress Report:

Clyde Hunt, Remedial Program Manager at the former Memphis Depot, presented an up-to-date project schedule to the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) at the October 17, 2002, meeting. In his presentation, Hunt outlined the targets for completion of cleanup activities on the Main Installation and Dunn Field.

The updated schedule reflects the timelines set in the 1995 Federal Facilities Agreement (FFA). The FFA specifies the length of time the cleanup team has to prepare, review, and complete each stage of the cleanup. The Depot's environmental program is regulated by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA).

"When this program began, a comprehensive schedule was developed to ensure that we complete each of the steps in the CERCLA process," said Hunt. "Some of the steps have taken longer than originally anticipated, so we continue to update our schedule as required to keep the community informed of our progress."

With the Main Installation now in the Remedial Design phase, and with the Record of Decision expected for Dunn Field in 2003, the cleanup program is reaching the final stages in the CERCLA process. The updated schedule on pages 2 and 3 provides a progress report of the cleanup work completed to date and the projected timelines for future activities. □

CERCLA: A step-by-step process

Since 1980, the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA) has been regulating the cleanup of Superfund sites across the country. The Act outlines a series of steps designed to identify and respond to environmental issues involving federal facilities such as the Memphis Depot.

In 1986, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) introduced some important changes to CERCLA, based on six years of environmental success. SARA encouraged greater citizen participation in the cleanup process.

Each step in the CERCLA process must be completed and approved by federal and state environmental regulators.

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Season's Greetings!

The Memphis Depot environmental team would like to wish all of our EnviroNews readers, community members, neighbors, Restoration Advisory Board members, staff, and contractors a very happy and safe holiday season!

NEXT RAB MEETING

Due to the holidays and the cleanup schedule, the next Restoration Advisory Board meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2003.

RAB meetings are held at 6 p.m. at the South Memphis Senior Citizens Center, located at 1620 Marjorie St.